Comparison of Average Sentences for Drug Defendants
(Career Offender and Non-Career Offender)
FY2005-2014

The data shown in these tables were extracted from the U.S. Sentencing Commission’s 2005-2014 Monitoring Datasets by Paul J. Hofer, Policy Analyst, Sentencing Resource Counsel Project, Federal Public and Community Defenders, and former Special Projects Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission. For a description of the Monitoring Datasets, see U.S. Sent’g Comm’n, *Fifteen Years of Guideline Sentencing: An Assessment of How Well the Federal Criminal Justice System is Achieving the Goals of Sentencing Reform* app. D at 1 (2004). Although these particular analyses are not published by the Commission, the data underlying the tables are the same as the data used in the Commission’s annual Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics. The data are publicly available at the Commission’s website: http://www.ussc.gov/research-and-publications/commission-datafiles. Using standard statistical software, such as SAS or SPSS, the Monitoring Dataset can be used to generate a wide variety of tables and graphs beyond those published by the Commission.

Average Sentences for Drug Defendants With and Without Career Offender Status
FY2005-2014 - Cases with Complete Information

![Graph showing average sentences for drug defendants with and without career offender status from FY2005 to FY2014. The graph compares cases with complete information and shows the decline in average sentences over the years. The blue line represents sentences for non-career offenders, while the red line represents sentences for career offenders.](image-url)